

## ABSTRACT

### **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INDEXING AND SEVERING FILM**

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The invention provides an apparatus and method for indexing a length of film for severance. The apparatus comprises a linear feeding device operative to hold the film and to feed a predetermined amount of film to a trimming device by moving linearly between an initial position and another position towards the trimming device. A film holder located between the linear feeding device and the trimming device is operable between a first position wherein a gap is provided for the film to pass through during feeding to the trimming device, and a second position for clamping the film when severing the film with the trimming device.

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(Figure 2)